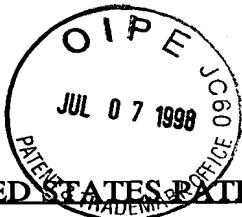


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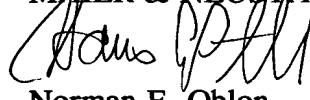
SIR:

It is hereby requested that a THREE-MONTH extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated JANUARY 9, 1998 be granted to JULY 9, 1998.

The required fee of \$ 950.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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